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House No. HJR0079
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ralph J. Harris.

WHEREAS, Ralph J. Harris, a distinguished public servant and champion of county government, passed from our midst unexpectedly on January 23, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris was a native Tennessean; receiving his undergraduate degree from Lambuth College, attending graduate school at the University of Tennessee and the George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; and graduating from the State of Tennessee's Public Service Management Institute; and

WHEREAS, He served honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict and was on the staff of Commander Destroyer Forces, Atlantic Fleet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris had a long and illustrious career in service to the state and county government in Tennessee, beginning his public service as a junior auditor with the Comptroller of the Treasury and advancing through more than eighteen years of service with the Comptroller to serve as director of Local Finance and assistant to the Comptroller for Local Government and County Audit; and

WHEREAS, as the first executive director of the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service and executive director of the Tennessee County Services Association for eighteen years, Mr. Harris was recognized as a pioneer in and staunch advocate

of county government; giving needed expertise and representing county interests at state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, until his death, Mr. Harris continued to serve the interests of good and proficient government as he held the position of executive vice president of the Local Government Insurance Pool; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this Assembly should pause in their deliberations to remember Ralph J. Harris, a devout public servant respected for his vast knowledge of county government and his unyielding commitment to the efficient use of financial resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of Ralph J. Harris, while also celebrating the life of this man whose many successes and selfless contributions will be remembered for years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby express our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Harris's family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the father and sons of Mr. Ralph J. Harris, and the Tennessee County Services Association with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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